



MEMORANDUM

TO: Trinidad Planning Commission

FROM: Trever Parker, City Planner

DATE: January 5, 2007

RE: January Planning Commission Meeting Memo

Greetings and Happy New Year!

First, I am going to be out of town next week (Jan. 15-19), which is part of the reason for the early packets. Another good reason though, is to provide you additional time to review the latest version of our Draft OWTS Ordinance. Yes, it's true...

It's finally here, in public hearing draft form – the Trinidad OWTS Ordinance, and the supporting Guidelines. The Program is really coming together, and the ordinance is nearly complete. I would like the Planning Commission to review it for major issues prior to doing a big push for public participation (so, although this is a public hearing, it will not be heavily publicized until the next hearing). Since the last time you saw this, I removed what I could from the ordinance and added as much as I could to the Guidelines. At this point, the focus should be on the Ordinance as the framework for the entire OWTS Management Program. The Guidelines are important right now just to put the Ordinance in context and to provide a better understanding of what the entire program will be like. The Guidelines will be refined later in the process.

A couple things to note, I started italicizing defined words, and then decided to do it all at once later; so some are in italics and some aren't. Some of the section number references are off, but I will wait to update them all until all the sections are finalized. I have provided two copies each of the ordinance and Guidelines – one showing the changes since the last time, and one clean copy that is easier to review. Portions that I just copied and pasted from the Ordinance and into the Guidelines I did not highlight as changes, so it is easier to read. (Otherwise everything in the Guidelines would have been underlined as added.) Keep an eye out for words that should be defined, but are not listed in the definitions. The definitions still need some work, and will be an important component of the ordinance.

The second item on the agenda is just a follow-up for our new Council Liaison regarding some of our recent discussions about Planning Commission / City Council communication policies.

Bob will be available next week if you have pressing questions. Otherwise, I will be back in the office Monday, January 15. See you on the 17th.